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THE GREATEST ENTERPRISE IN ROSWELL.

Some people might name one thing and some another. Perhaps the Commercial Club would get the most votes, because it is an agent of the entire business community. But let us pause a moment, and consider the foundation and purposes of this enterprise. Advertising seems to be the next step. Then, how shall we advertise? Why, in the newspapers of course. The secret is out.

The first thing a new town or townsite wants is a newspaper. It may have a town company or commercial and real estate dealers organization first—but if it has, the next enterprise sought by the organization is a newspaper. The town of Urton, for instance, is now in shape to do business—and even Dexter had newspaper before it got the promise of a bridge, though the paper has now "gone where the woodbine twined."

Having secured a newspaper, the paper's first effort is to get a school and a church, then to boom the climate and resources to attract settlers to the surrounding country as well as to the town. If the town grows as rapidly as Artesia, which has been built in less than four years, county seat ambitions are hatched. But whatever the size of the town, the newspaper is the chief trumpet of its fame. Every organization from the Ladies' Aid to the Commercial Club is in some way related to the newspaper, and outsiders judge the town very largely by the patronage and enterprise of its newspapers.

All this is only preliminary to what might have been expressed in two lines. Saturday, March 2, was the beginning of the fifth volume of the Daily Record. As a weekly paper the Record was established about sixteen years ago by Lucius Dills and his brother-in-law, Mr. Lea. The paper was then printed one page at a time on a job press, and except in editorial ability, was by no means equal to papers now printed at Hagerman, Lakewood and other Pecos Valley towns not then on the map. The Record grew up with the town, not only recording the minutest details of Roswell's history, but helping to make the events themselves.

The history of sixteen years has been written on the spot and on the dates of its publication was more interesting, if not more important, than the compilations and deductions of Bancroft, Ridpath or Macaulay—four hundred newspaper pages a year in the Weekly volumes and fifteen hundred such pages a year since the Daily was established. However, the newspaper pages are not preserved save in the Historical Society and the office of publication. Still they are the most reliable and most complete history ever penned. Of the early days in Roswell the present writer knows little except from hearsay, and will pass them over. Neither was he present at the birth and christening of the first daily issue, March 3, 1903. We understand that three daily papers were started from different offices in Roswell on the same date. The struggle for elbow-room at once became strenuous. The survival of the fittest was inevitable, and the Daily Record is now able to contemplate somewhat calmly its first battle with both honorable and dishonorable enemies. There was a strike of printers instigated by a rival paper, and for some weeks both Daily and Weekly Record were suspended, while the rival held the field to itself. The late H. F. M. Bear had invested the savings of a lifetime in the Record, and but for the assistance of his brother-in-law, the present business manager of the paper, he probably would have been robbed and driven from the field. The fight was won; but at a cost greater than the loss of money and chattels, for one of the fairest, noblest, most sincere and lovable, and mentally best equipped young men who ever lived in Roswell now sleeps in the South Side cemetery as a result of worry that he concealed even from his own family until his nervous system collapsed. There was one trait of human nature he could not understand—insincerity—and holding no envy or enmity against any man, neither could he comprehend the deliberate cussedness that sought to injure him for political reasons. Frank and open in all his dealings and taking it for granted that all men were as honest as himself, conspiracy had him at a disadvantage—and the very discovery of a secret plot against him required a readjustment of all his cherished altruistic views of the world, in which he was always looking for the

good and taking almost no precaution against any evil save thriftlessness and the uncertainty of life.

But why write all this? Well, for one thing, Mr. Bear was one of our best friends—the rarest of all possessions in the world—and we believe the truth should be written. We saw the battle, and felt it, and still feel some of its effects. Mr. Bear died January 29, 1905, and was buried two days later. The present editor, who came here broken down in health, under circumstances that he will not discuss, and who for a year after coming dared not even read a newspaper or book outside of his daily work as a printer, undertook to write something when he felt able for the editorial page, in addition to his regular employment as a linotype operator. He had no hope of keeping that page up to the standard set by Mr. Bear—had little time to circulate among the people, and on account of ill health was not as sociable as he should be. He perhaps goes toward the opposite extreme from Mr. Bear and does not trust enough people—but he can take the "slings and arrows" as well as fling them back.

However, the editorial page of a newspaper is comparatively unimportant, especially so far as relates to politics alone. The parking of the streets, planting trees and flowers, building of sidewalks, making a cleaner and better town, and reporting the daily local news right here in Roswell are more important newspaper subjects than either Territorial, National or International complications. Telling the outside world what we are doing in Roswell and the Pecos Valley, and telling our home people what is happening in the outside world is the principal mission of the Daily Record. It is a business institution, and upon the management of its business affairs and printing the news which people are willing to pay for depends the success of the whole enterprise. Opinions are nothing. It is events that count.

But one city the size of Roswell in the United States has a paper that is a member of the Associated Press, printing on the day it happens the principal news of the world. It costs something to maintain this service—more than the immediate returns—but the Record has faith in the future of Roswell—that with the growth of the town the owners of the paper eventually will be fully paid for the outlay.

The Daily Record goes into nearly every home in Roswell every day except Sunday, and is read by as many people every day as all the ministers of Roswell combined preach to on Sunday. If we do a little preaching occasionally it should help all the churches—in such a way as driving licensed gambling out of Roswell, for instance. There is no live subject under the sun that may not be sometimes a newspaper topic. There is no legitimate interest in the city that does not ask and receive favors from the newspaper—none that does not receive favors without asking. The newspaper tries to report the news impartially and to accurately reflect public sentiment—but does not always agree with the majority on questions of morals and expediency, sometimes makes grievous mistakes, and because it talks more than any body else in the community is subject to more criticism, both just and unjust, than any other person or institution. As Bill Nye once said: "I cannot call to mind today, in all my wide journalistic acquaintance, a solitary man who has not been pronounced an ass by one or more of my fellow-men. In many instances these harsh criticisms are made by those who do not know, without submitting themselves to a tremendous mental strain, the difference between a 'lower case' q and the old Calvin-

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istic doctrine of unanimous damnation, but that makes no difference; the true journalist should strive to please the masses. This requires a man of course, with similar characteristics and the same general information possessed by the Almighty, but who would be willing to work at a much more moderate salary. The reader will see how difficult it is to obtain this class of men. Outside the mental giant who writes these lines and two or three others, perhaps—but never mind."

Perhaps we have wandered so far that the reader has forgotten our subject. But in closing, let us condense into a few lines the faith with which the Daily Record enters upon its fifth year as advocate, reporter and trumpet of the fame of every legitimate enterprise in Roswell. Happy the man who is securely anchored in Roswell, whose business is firmly established and prosperous—and fortunate the stranger who learns through the newspapers, the Commercial Club, or otherwise, of the rich resources and opportunities still to be developed in the Pecos Valley. Climate, soil, artesian water; good fellowship and neighborliness; schools, churches, homes, good society and culture; public officials and political leaders of good character, both Democratic and Republican; public spirited business men; professional men of learning and sagacity; a high sense of honor in all walks of life—all these are characteristic of Roswell, the cleanest and most beautiful city of the Territory. May nothing mar its future and manifest destiny as the bright particular star in the Pecos Valley constellation of twinkling lights and radiant dreams.

THE GRIPPE.

An ache in the back, a pain in the head—
That's the Grippe.
A choke in the throat, and a yearning for bed—
That's the Grippe.
A river of heat, then a shiver of cold, a feeling of being three hundred years old,
A willingness even to do as you're outlay.
That's the Grippe.
An arrow of pain, now in this place, now that—
That's the Grippe.
A felling of being three hundred years are at—
That's the Grippe.
A stupid sensation—of course wholly new,
A foolish depression—way should you feel blue,
A doubt as to whether this really is you—
That's the Grippe.
Strange visions at night, that deprive you of rest—
That's the Grippe.
A taste in your mouth and a weight on your chest—
That's the Grippe.
A tired sensation that runs through your veins,
A queer combination of ache and pains,
A rapid admission of absence of brains—
That's the Grippe.
Somerville Journal.

THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

The objection that has been made in some quarters to the placing of the power to appoint county school superintendents in the hands of the Territorial Board of Education is purely political. There isn't a man in New Mexico of average intelligence who doesn't realize the folly of paying about \$20,000 a year for county school superintendents who are wholly incompetent to superintend. True we sometimes elect good superintendents, but there are three unqualified men to every one qualified. Neither does any one doubt if the appointments are left to the Territorial Board that men who have had actual experience in school work will be appointed and that much good will result.

Florida Editors on Junket.
Jacksonville, Fla., March 4.—Members of the Florida Press Association from all parts of the state met here today and will leave this evening by rail for Miami, where a boat will be taken to Key West for the annual convention. A business session of the association will be held on board the boat tomorrow. The convention at Key West will be formally opened Wednesday morning.

A DRY FARMING CONVENTION APRIL 18.

It has been definitely decided to have a dry farming convention in Roswell this spring. The commercial club is back of the movement and many prominent citizens and farmers are interested. In order to take advantage of the cheap rates on all roads leading to this city at that time, the last day of the Panhandle Cattleman's Convention, April 18, has been designated upon as the day for the dry farming assembly. The place of meeting has not yet been decided upon.

Several days ago Prof. J. J. Vernon and Prof. J. D. Tinsley, of the Agricultural College at Mesilla Park consented to come to the meeting and address the farmers, and now word has been received that H. W. Campbell, father of the dry farming system, will be here to deliver a talk on his experience in this great work. Mr. Campbell is now in the employ of the Santa Fe railroad, distributing the valuable information he has secured in actual experience.

Every farmer in the Pecos Valley should attend this meeting. The low rates will give the farmers an opportunity to come to Roswell at low cost, as well as the cattlemen. There can be two big conventions, as well as one.

NEW CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURT.

The following cases have been filed recently in the district court of Chaves county:

The First National Bank of Roswell against C. L. Parsons on an alleged note for \$167, and for costs. G. A. Richardson is plaintiff's attorney.

Otto F. Weisenborn against C. L. and E. R. Tallmadge, Mary E. Tannehill and James K. Chester. In his petition plaintiff recites that he contracted with Mary E. Tannehill's agents, the Tallmadges, to buy the south half of section 26, township 12 range 25, for \$18,000 and paid a total of \$3,240, on the deal, taking up the notes that had been given; that defendant gave a deed to defendant James K. Chester, to the same property when plaintiff was in possession of same, for a consideration of \$1 and other consideration, and that she has failed and refused to give plaintiff a deed to same. Plaintiff asks that the deed to defendant Chester be held null and void and that he be given a deed to said property by the court. Scott & Dunn are plaintiff's attorneys.

B. S. Turbeyfield, against S. B. Owens, asking judgment for \$23,125 on the claim that he made a land deal between defendant and George W. Medley in which his commission was justly that amount. This same land deal has been the subject of two or more suits already settled in the district court, one of them resulting in Mr. Medley paying a commission of \$2,000 to W. W. Anderson. A. J. Nisbet and W. W. Gatewood are plaintiff's attorneys in this case.

Confederate Veterans.

Altus, Okla., March 4.—Members of the United Confederate Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy of this section are holding a joint meeting here today. Addresses will be delivered by Adjutant William Cross and Major General Threadgill. The festivities will close with a banquet.

TEXAS ODD FELLOWS TO HOLD CONVENTION.

San Antonio, Tex., March 4.—Odd Fellows from all over Texas are assembled here today for the annual meeting of the grand lodge, which will last four days. The grand officers have established headquarters at the Menger hotel, while the sessions of the grand lodge will all be held at Beethoven hall. The Rebekah state assembly will be held in connection with the grand lodge meeting, the sessions being held in Odd Fellow's hall. The Oak Cliff degree staff will be present and exhibit their dramatization of the degree work of Odd Fellowship at the Grand opera house tomorrow evening. Tomorrow afternoon

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the grand lodge will adjourn to allow the committees time in which to prepare their reports, and during this time the local lodges will escort the visitors over the city in chartered street cars.

SPORTING GOSSIP

FROM NEW YORK.
New York, March 4.—Manager Clark Griffith of the New York Leaguers, accompanied by the eastern members of the Highlanders' squad, left today for the training camp at Atlanta Ga. Those who left here with Griffith were George Moriarty, Willie Keeler, "Happy Jack" Chresbro, Walter Clarkson, Danny Hoffman, Ira Thomas, Jack Kleinon and trainer Jack Martin. Wild Conroy will join the party at Philly, Jimmy Williams at Washington and Al Orth at Lynchburg, Va. Other members of the team will proceed to Atlanta from various parts of the country. Hogg and Hughes from Pueblo, Colorado, Kid Elberfeld from Hot Springs, Arkansas; Chase and Keefe from California; Yeager from Delray, Michigan, Doyle from Clay Center, Kansas; Laporte from Ohio, Brockett from Norris City, Illinois, McGuire from Albion, Michigan, Delehanty from Cleveland, and Castleton from Salt Lake City.

The Highlanders will arrive in the camp at Atlanta tomorrow and will remain there until April 6. Exhibition games have been arranged with the Atlanta team of the Southern league for March 15, 16, 20, 21, 29, 30 and April 5 and 6. The second team will meet the Macon, Ga., team on March 22 and 23, the Richmond team of Virginia league on April 5 and 6 and the Roanoke team on April 8. On the latter date the regulars will play the Lynchburg, Virginia leaguers. The closing games of the exhibition season will be played on April 9 and 10, when the Highlanders will meet Jack Dunn's Eastern league club at Baltimore. The new pitchers, Hogg Brockett, Clarkson and Doyle, will do most of the work during the anteseason, as both Orth and Chresbro are warm weather twirlers and will not be asked to let themselves out until the real American league battle begins on April 11.

It is a noteworthy fact that among the eight pitchers of the Highlanders there is not a single southpaw. It is likely that Griffith will attempt to secure a left-handed twirler before the season opens. An effort was made to buy Cast Patten, the famous southpaw of the Washington Americans, but the deal fell through.

Taken by and large, the Highlanders are a nifty looking bunch and to a man up a tree would appear to be likely contenders for the rag. This statement is made with due regard to the fact that doping baseball futures is a risky business at best, and that the victorious clubs are likely to put up a stiff fight against all contenders.

Moyer-Haywood Protest Meeting.

Joliet, Ill., March 4.—A great protest meeting was held by the labor unions of Joliet yesterday evening on behalf of the three western labor leaders, Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone, who will be placed on trial for murder in Idaho tomorrow. A considerable amount of money was raised for the defense fund, in addition to the \$5,000 already donated by the Illinois Mine Workers' union.

Echo of Iroquois Disaster.

Chicago, March 4.—The trial of Will J. Davis, indicted for manslaughter in connection with the Iroquois theater holocaust, in which hundreds of women and children were burned and trampled to death, begins today in the district court at Danville, where it was taken on a change of venue. The case has been postponed several times, but there now appears to be little probability of further delay and it is likely that the matter will be rushed to a speedy conclusion. Attorneys for Davis state that the trial will not last over a week.

To Try Standard Oil.

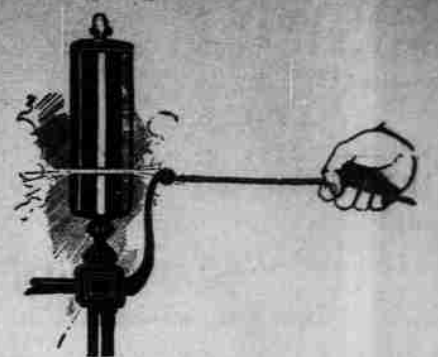
Chicago, Ill., March 4.—At Chicago today the Standard Oil Company of Indiana will answer in federal court to eight indictments recently returned by a federal grand jury in that city, charging the corporation with the acceptance of rebates on oil shipments to Whiting, Indiana. Federal Judge Landis will sit in the trial of the case and District attorney Sims of Chicago will have charge of the prosecution. Mr. Sims recently visited Washington and had several conferences with the president and administration officials in regard to the case. Questions affecting the evidence to be submitted and other important details were settled and the district attorney was instructed to push the case with all possible dispatch. Attorney John S. Miller will represent the defendant corporation and will urge the plea that the 1903 counts contained in the eight indictments in reality charge but one offense. If this contention should be sustained by the court the possible penalties to be assessed would be reduced from many millions to only \$20,000.

American Mining Congress.

Joplin, Mo., March 4.—State Geologist E. R. Buchley will spend the week in this city aiding the local committees in the preliminary preparations for the American Mining congress, which will be held in Joplin next fall. A record breaking attendance of mining men from all over the United States, Mexico and Canada is expected at the convention.

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Try Seattle Murder Case.

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—Three persons, including one woman, will be tried for murder during the March session of the superior court, which opened today. Kinney McCloud, charged with killing Peter Elmer at Georgetown, by beating him to death with a club, is the first to be placed on trial. Lawrence Fisher, who is alleged to have murdered Alexander Skrupa at Ravensdale on January 7, will be tried on March 11. Ruth Jackson, charged with slaying her husband in a Seattle rooming house on February 1, has had her case set for March 18. The body of the man was found in the room occupied by the couple, at the conclusion of a drunken debauch with a small pen knife sticking in his heart.

Dan Park, of the firm of Park & Morrison, arrived Saturday night from Denver for a business visit with his partner, Harry Morrison.

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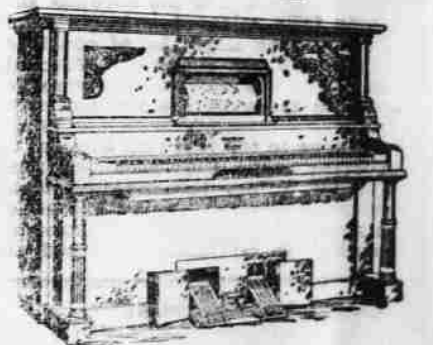
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